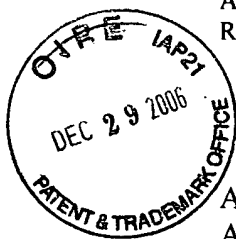


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office action of October 11, 2006. Our check in the amount of \$400 is enclosed to cover 2 additional independent claims over 3 (\$200 each). Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 28 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 29 of this paper.

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